Plan to avert calamities and provision of civic amenities in cities

2102. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether after heavy floods of Mumbai in July, 2005, Bangalore and Chennai in October, 2005 Government are considering an exhaustive plan to avert calamities for Metropolitan and big Urban cities;

(b) whether any plan has been drawn up by Government regarding the problems of drainage, housing, transport, water supply, fire and civil amenities of urbanised areas, big cities and metropolitan cities;

(c) whether it is a fact that the former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee had declared a Rs. 100 crore grant for Mumbai, specially for the slum areas; and

(d) if so, the present status of improvement of slum areas and providing civil amenities in those areas?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) Though no exhaustive plan to avert calamities in Metropolitan and big urban cities is under consideration of this Ministry, the Government has recently launched Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) for providing assistance for urban development of metropolitan and other selected cities. The Mission will address the problem of drainage as well as housing, transport, water supply and other civil amenities.

(c) and (d) In January, 2004 the then Prime Minister had announced Rs. 500 crore aid to Government of Maharashtra for development of Dharavi in Mumbai. The Government of Maharashtra had forwarded a project proposal in December, 2003 for construction of approximately 71,000 houses alongwith infrastructure, for rehabilitation of slum dwellers in Dharavi, at an approximate cost of Rs. 5,000 crore. The same was examined in consultation with the Planning Commission, and some clarifications were sought from the State Government. No funds were released to the State Government against the said project. In the meantime, the Planning Commission has undertaken an exercise for rationalization/review of the plan schemes, wherein, the scheme of 'Resettlement of Slums in Dharavi", has been discontinued and no provision for the scheme has been kept for the year 2005-06.

However, Central assistance for improvement of slum area of Mumbai and providing civil amenities in those areas under JNNURM will be provided as per guidelines.

Mass Rapid Transit System in Mumbai

2103. SHRI SANJAY RAUT:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has taken a decision to implement Mass Rapid Transit System along Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor in Mumbai with public private participation with the estimated cost of Rs. 1500 crores;

(b) whether the Government of Maharashtra has forwarded the proposal to the Union Government to provide 15 per cent of equity and 50 per cent of viability gap funding and extend all necessary concessions for customs and excise duty on lines of Delhi Metro;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if so, Government response thereto, by indicating the latest stage where the matter stand; and

(e) the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Maharashtra proposes to construct Mass Rapid Transit System on the Versova-Andheri-Ghatkopar Corridor (15.0 km) on Build, Operate & Transfer (BOT) basis at an estimated cost of Rs. 1500 crore (April '03 prices).

(b) and (c) The Government of Maharashtra has undertaken a bidding process to identify a private promoter. No firm proposal of the extent of funds required has been received by the Central Government, as this would depend on the outcome of the bidding process;

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Implementation of VAMBAY Scheme in Maharashtra

2104. SHRI VED PRAKASH P. GOYAL:
SHRI R.S. GAVAI:

Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the VAMBAY scheme Central assistance of